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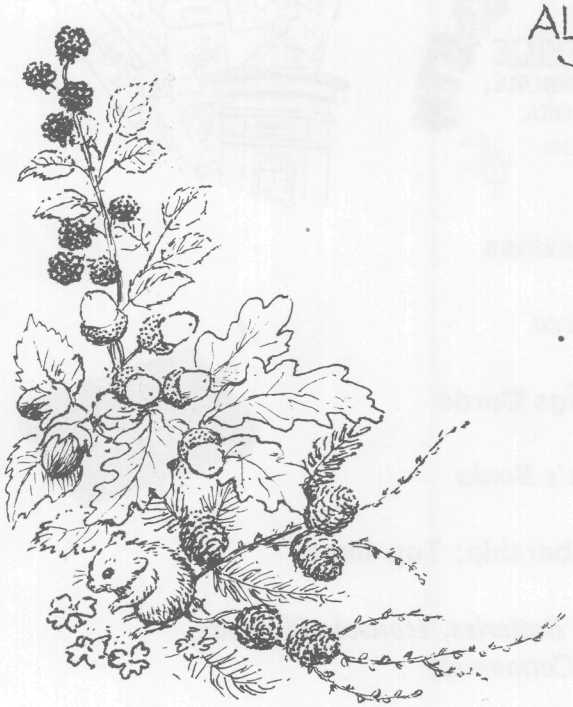

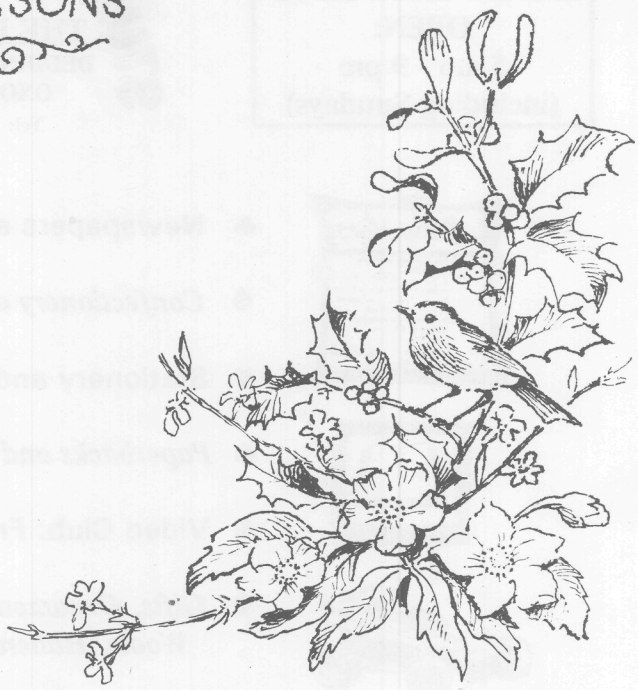

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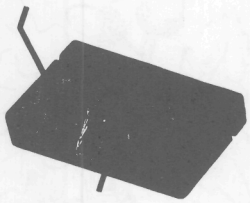

## BUS SERVICES - SUMMER 1995

### MAIN LINE BUSES - BANBURY, DEDDINGTON, OXFORD - SOUTH BOUND

Monday to Saturday unless otherwise stated

| Bus Company | MR | MR | MR | MR | MR | HEY | MR | HEY | MR | MR | MR | MR | HEY | JEF |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Days | | SA | | X58 | | TH | X58 | SA | | X58 | | | TH | |
| Banbury Bus Station | 7.15 | 8.42 | 9.20 | 10.20 | 11.20 | 12.15 | 12.20 | 13.00 | 13.20 | 14.20 | 15.20 | 16.20 | 16.30 | 17.45 |
| Horton Hospital | 7.21 | 8.48 | 9.25 | 10.25 | 11.25 | | 12.25 | | 13.25 | 14.25 | 15.25 | 16.25 | | |
| Bodicote Horse & Jockey | 7.25 | | 9.30 | | 11.30 | | | | 13.30 | | 15.30 | 16.30 | | 17.55 |
| Twyford Kngs Sutton Turn | 7.28 | 8.54 | 9.35 | 10.31 | 11.35 | | 12.31 | | 13.35 | 14.31 | 15.35 | 16.35 | | 17.58 |
| Adderbury Traffic Lights | 7.30 | 8.56 | 9.38 | 10.34 | 11.38 | 12.23 | 12.34 | 13.12 | 13.38 | 14.34 | 15.38 | 16.38 | 16.42 | 18.00 |
| Deddington Market Place | 7.39 | 9.02 | 9.46 | 10.42 | 11.46 | 12.32 | 12.42 | 13.20 | 13.46 | 14.42 | 15.46 | 16.46 | 16.50 | 18.09 |
| Aynho Cartwright Arms | | 9.13 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| N Aston Turn | 7.43 | | 9.48 | 10.47 | 11.51 | | 12.47 | | 13.49 | 14.47 | 15.51 | 16.49 | | |
| S Aston White Lion | 7.49 | | 9.56 | | 11.56 | | | | 13.56 | | | 16.56 | | |
| Tackley | 7.57 | | 10.04 | | 12.04 | | | | 14.04 | | | 17.04 | | |
| Shipton-on-Cherwell | 8.06 | | 10.13 | | 12.13 | | | | 14.13 | | | 17.13 | | |
| Kidlington | 8.11 | | 10.18 | 11.18 | 12.18 | | 13.18 | | 14.18 | 15.18 | 16.18 | 17.18 | | |
| Oxford Debenhams | 8.29 | | 10.35 | 11.35 | 12.35 | | 13.35 | | 14.35 | 15.35 | 16.35 | 17.35 | | |
| Duns Tew | | | | | | 12.40 | | 13.26 | | | | | 16.56 | |
| Sandford St Martin | | | | | | | | 13.39 | | | | | | |
| Middle Barton Garage | | | | | | 12.55 | | 13.46 | | | | | 17.09 | |

### MAIN LINE BUSES - OXFORD, DEDDINGTON, BANBURY - NORTH BOUND

Monday to Saturday unless otherwise stated

| Bus Company | JEF | MR | HEY | MR | MR | MR | HEY | MR | MR | MR | MR | MR |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Days | | | TH&SA | X58 | | X58 | TH | | X58 | | | |
| Middle Barton Garage | | | 9.20 | | | | 12.55 | | | | | |
| Sandford St Martin | | | 9.22 | | | | 13.00 | | | | | |
| Duns Tew | | | 9.34 | | | | 13.08 | | | | | |
| Oxford Debenhams | | ✗ 8.45 | | 9.45 | 10.45 | 11.45 | | 12.45 | 13.45 | 14.45 | 16.45 | 17.45 |
| Kidlington | | ✗ 9.03 | | 10.03 | 11.03 | 12.03 | | 13.03 | 14.03 | 15.03 | 17.03 | 18.03 |
| Shipton-on-Cherwell | | ✗ 9.08 | | | 11.08 | | | 13.08 | | 15.08 | 17.08 | 18.08 |
| Tackley | | 9.16 | | | 11.16 | | | 13.16 | | 15.16 | 17.16 | 18.16 |
| S Aston White Lion | | 9.24 | | | 11.24 | | | 13.24 | | 15.24 | 17.24 | 18.24 |
| N Aston Turn | | | | 10.33 | | 12.33 | | | 14.33 | | | |
| Deddington Market Place | 7.36 | 9.34 | 9.40 | 10.35 | 11.34 | 12.38 | 13.14 | 13.34 | 14.38 | 15.34 | 17.34 | 18.34 |
| Adderbury Traffic Lights | 7.45 | 9.42 | 9.47 | 10.46 | 11.43 | 12.46 | 13.22 | 13.43 | 14.46 | 15.43 | 17.40 | 18.40 |
| Twyford Kngs Sutton Turn | 7.47 | 9.45 | | 10.49 | 11.45 | 12.49 | | 13.45 | 14.49 | 15.45 | 17.45 | 18.45 |
| Bodicote Horse & Jockey | 7.50 | 9.48 | | | 11.48 | | | 13.48 | | 15.48 | 17.48 | 18.48 |
| Horton Hospital | | 9.53 | | 10.55 | 11.53 | 12.55 | | 13.53 | 14.55 | 15.53 | 17.53 | 18.53 |
| Banbury Bus Station | 8.00 | 9.58 | 9.59 | 11.00 | 11.58 | 13.00 | 13.34 | 13.58 | 15.00 | 15.58 | 17.58 | 18.58 |

Key: HEY-Heyfordian; MR-Midland Red; ✗-Not Fri or Sat; X58-via Bletchingdon

### MISCELLANEOUS BUS SERVICES

Mondays — Cherwell Villager Banbury 09.15; N.Aston 09.45; Duns Tew 09.50; Hempton 09.55; Barford St Michael 10.00; Adderbury 10.13; Twyford 10.23; Banbury 10.35.

Return Banbury 12.30; Twyford 12.40; Adderbury 12.45; Barford St Michael 13.00; Hempton 13.05; Duns Tew 13.15; N,Aston 13.20; Banbury 14.10.

Tuesdays — Rainbow Coaches Charlton 09.05; Kings Sutton 09.15; Adderbury 09.20; Deddington (Windmill Rd) 09.30; Hempton 09.35; Moreton in Marsh 10.00. Return leaving Moreton at 12.00.

Wednesdays — Jeffs Banbury 09.15; Bloxham 09.30; Barford St Michael 09.41; Hempton 09.45; Deddington 09.50; Woodstock 10.10; Bladon 10.15; Oxford (Taylorian Institute) 10.35.

Return Oxford (Taylorian) 13.00; Bladon 13.15; Woodstock 13.25; Deddington 13.45; Hempton 13.50; Barford St Michael 13.54; Bloxham 14.02; Banbury 14.20.

Thursdays — Heyfordian Clifton 10.15; Deddington (Hempton Rd) 10.20; Hempton 10.23; Barford St Michael 10.28; Adderbury 10.42; Banbury 10.55

Return Banbury 13.35; Adderbury 13.47; Barford St Michael 14.02; Hempton 14.07; Deddington 14.10; Clifton 14.15.

Saturdays — Cherwell Villager Banbury 09.20; Deddington 09.30; Hempton 09.35; Barfords 09.40; Adderbury 09.45; Twyford 09.50; Bodicote 09.55; Banbury 10.05.

Return Banbury 12.00; Bodicote 12.08; Twyford 12.13; Adderbury 12.15; Barfords 12.20; Hempton 12.23; Deddington 12.27; Banbury 12.40.

Mon to Fri — Rainbow's Coaches School Terms only Aynho (Cartwright Arms) 7.25; Clifton (Bus Stop) 7.30; Deddington (Market Place) 7.35; Duns Tew Turn 7.40; then direct to Oxford.

Return Oxford (Banbury Rd/BelbroughtonRd) 4.00; Cross Rd/The Cemetary 4.10; St Clements/The plain 4.15; Headington Rd 4.20; Franklin Rd 4.22; Duns Tew Turn 4.40; Deddington 4.45; Clifton 4.50; Aynho 4.55.

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## BUS SERVICES – SUMMER 1995

### MAIN LINE BUSES BANBURY, DEDDINGTON, OXFORD – SOUTH BOUND

| | MR | MR | MR | MR | HEY | MR | HEY | MR | ME | JR | MR | HEY | JFS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | XJ8 | | XJ8 | | | TH | |
| | | S4 | | | TH | | S4 | | | | | | |
| Mondays to Saturdays unless otherwise stated | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bus Company | | XS8 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Days | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Banbury, Bus Station | 7.15 | 8.42 | 9.20 | 10.22 | 11.30 | 12.15 | 12.20 | 13.20 | 14.20 | 15.20 | 16.20 | 16.30 | 17.15 |
| Horton Hospital | 7.21 | 8.48 | 9.25 | 10.25 | 11.37 | | | 12.25 | 14.25 | 15.25 | 16.25 | | |
| Deddington, Home & Hobby | 7.28 | | 9.30 | | 11.40 | | | 12.35 | | 15.30 | | 16.30 | |
| Twyford Kings Sutton Turn | 7.35 | 8.54 | 9.35 | 10.31 | 11.32 | | | 12.43 | 14.35 | 15.36 | 16.35 | | |
| Addington, Q Inn | 7.40 | 8.59 | 9.38 | 10.34 | 11.32 | 12.23 | 12.24 | 12.52 | 14.24 | 15.38 | 16.38 | 16.42 | 18.00 |
| Deddington, Market Place | 7.50 | 9.09 | 9.48 | 10.47 | 11.46 | 12.32 | 12.42 | 12.20 | 14.46 | 15.46 | 16.46 | 16.50 | 18.00 |
| Adams Corner, Oxford Road | | 9.15 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| N Aston Turn | 7.43 | | 9.45 | 10.47 | 11.51 | | | 12.47 | 14.47 | 15.51 | 16.49 | | |
| S Aston White Lion | 7.45 | | 9.50 | | 11.56 | | | | | 15.56 | | | |
| Tackley | 7.57 | | 10.04 | | 12.04 | | | | | 16.04 | | | |
| Stoke-on-Cherwell | 8.00 | | 10.12 | | 12.13 | | | | | 16.17 | | | |
| Kidlington | 8.11 | | 10.14 | 11.14 | 12.18 | | | 13.13 | | 16.18 | 16.18 | | |
| Oxford Deddington | 8.20 | | 10.25 | 11.35 | 12.35 | | | 13.35 | | 16.35 | 16.35 | | |
| Dana Tree | | | | | | 12.40 | | | | | | | |
| Sandford St Martin | | | | | | | 12.50 | | | | | | |
| Middle Barton Garage | | | | | | | 13.20 | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | 12.55 | 13.40 | | | | | | |

## MAIN LINE BUSES – OXFORD, DEDDINGTON, BANBURY – NORTH BOUND

| | HEY | MR | MR | MR | HEY | MR | MR | MR | MR | MR |
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| | TH | S4 | | | | | | | | |
| Mondays to Saturdays unless otherwise stated | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bus Company | | | | | | | | | | |
| Days | | | | | | | | | | |
| Middle Barton Garage | | | | | 11.35 | | | | | |
| Sandford St Martin | | | | | 11.50 | | | | | |
| Dana Tree | | | | | 11.55 | | | | | |
| Oxford Deddington | | 9.45 | | 10.45 | 11.45 | | 12.45 | 14.45 | 16.45 | 17.45 |
| Kidlington | | 9.55 | | 10.55 | 11.55 | 12.05 | 13.05 | 14.55 | 16.55 | 17.55 |
| Stoke-on-Cherwell | | 9.58 | | 11.00 | | 12.08 | 13.08 | 14.58 | 16.58 | 17.58 |
| Tackley | | 9.16 | | 11.16 | | | 13.16 | 15.04 | 17.04 | 18.04 |
| S Aston White Lion | | 9.24 | | 11.24 | | | 13.24 | 15.16 | 17.16 | 18.16 |
| N Aston Turn | | | | | | | | 15.24 | 17.24 | 18.24 |
| Adams Corner, Oxford Road | | | | | 10.33 | 12.33 | | | | |
| Middle Barton Garage | | 9.26 | 9.40 | 10.46 | 11.34 | 12.36 | 13.14 | 15.26 | 17.26 | 18.26 |
| Addington, Traffic Lights | | 9.45 | 9.42 | 10.47 | 11.45 | 12.46 | 13.22 | 15.43 | 17.10 | 18.40 |
| Twyford Kings Sutton Turn | | 9.47 | 9.43 | 10.49 | 11.45 | 12.47 | | 15.45 | 17.15 | 18.47 |
| Deddington Home & Hobby | | 9.50 | 9.44 | | 11.48 | | | 15.48 | 17.45 | 18.48 |
| Horton Hospital | | 9.57 | | 10.55 | 11.57 | 12.55 | | 15.55 | 17.57 | 18.55 |
| Banbury Bus Station | | 10.03 | 9.50 | 11.00 | 11.52 | 13.00 | 13.38 | 15.00 | 17.56 | 18.57 |

Key: HEY–Hedingham, JFS–Midland Red, JR–Jim Ritchie, S4, XJ8–via Hedingham

## MISCELLANEOUS BUS SERVICES

Mondays Chipping Norton (Market Place) 09.15; Kingston Blount 09.25; Chinnor 09.40; Thame 09.50; Henley 10.00; Nettlebed 10.10; Watlington 10.20; Stokenchurch 10.30; Princes Risborough 10.40; Aylesbury 10.50.

Tuesdays Chipping Norton (Market Place) 09.15; Kingston Blount 09.25; Chinnor 09.40; Thame 09.50; Henley 10.00; Nettlebed 10.10; Watlington 10.20; Stokenchurch 10.30; Princes Risborough 10.40; Aylesbury 10.50.

Wednesdays Chipping Norton (Market Place) 09.15; Kingston Blount 09.25; Chinnor 09.40; Thame 09.50; Henley 10.00; Nettlebed 10.10; Watlington 10.20; Stokenchurch 10.30; Princes Risborough 10.40; Aylesbury 10.50.

Thursdays Chipping Norton (Market Place) 09.15; Kingston Blount 09.25; Chinnor 09.40; Thame 09.50; Henley 10.00; Nettlebed 10.10; Watlington 10.20; Stokenchurch 10.30; Princes Risborough 10.40; Aylesbury 10.50.

Saturdays Chipping Norton (Market Place) 09.15; Kingston Blount 09.25; Chinnor 09.40; Thame 09.50; Henley 10.00; Nettlebed 10.10; Watlington 10.20; Stokenchurch 10.30; Princes Risborough 10.40; Aylesbury 10.50.

Sundays Chipping Norton (Market Place) 09.15; Kingston Blount 09.25; Chinnor 09.40; Thame 09.50; Henley 10.00; Nettlebed 10.10; Watlington 10.20; Stokenchurch 10.30; Princes Risborough 10.40; Aylesbury 10.50.

Sundays to Fri Rainbows Coaches Sunday Turns only: Abingdon (Outdoor stop) 7.20; Clifton (Bus stop) 7.30; Deddington (Oxford St Place) 7.35; Dana Tree Turn 7.40; Adderbury 7.50; Banbury 8.00.

Return Rainbows Coaches Sunday Turns only: Banbury (Bus Station) 9.00; Cross Keys Turn 9.10; St Clements Tile inn 9.15; Headington Rd 9.20; Headington Roundabout 9.22; Dana Tree Turn 9.40; Deddington 9.45; Clifton 9.50; Abingdon 9.55.

The Cutler Coaches Oxford and District Company Coach(s) will use the same timetable, available free of charge at the Banbury Station, Also Cutler Coaches will run a coach from Kirton Factory.

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## EDITORIAL

It looks so simple the Summer Bus Timetable included with this issue - but its production was a mammoth task. Profound thanks to John Neild for the research and to Roy Berridge for the tour de force in putting it together. Now we'd like to hear from you whether it has been worth the time and effort: in other words is it being put to good use?

Our best possible wishes to John Moffitt leaving us for new educational pastures (p.7) - and thanks for accommodating the DN's "printing works" throughout. After reading the PTA Fete report (same page) I think I'll stick to editing! Hope it's not too off-putting for John's successor Peter Goringe - to whom WELCOME.

If you've something "to sell" or "to tell" see p.4 for details of the DN's special **Classified Ads. section starting September.** Hopefully this may become a sort of "bazaar in print" for the sale of goods and exchange of information.

There are some surprising aspects of Cherwell in Bloom (p.14) and a chance to make your mark on the 21st century (p.16). But long before that - on Christmas Eve 1995 in fact - someone is **urgently** needed to lead an established Deddington tradition (p.13). The Youth Club also requires help (p.9); and that goes for Neighbourhood Watch (p.11).

**And the Deddington Fire Service.** A report in the Banbury Guardian highlights the dangerously low personnel levels in Banbury; we're extremely privileged to have our own Deddington service. But **it needs support.**

Have a good summer...

Sylvie Spenceley Nickels

**JULY DIARY**

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| Sat 1 | Barford St Michael Fete with the Stonesfield Silver Band, the Garden of Ayot Croft, 2pm. |
| Wed 5 | U3A: John Baseley on Tasmania and the Murray River, Windmill Centre, 2.30pm. |
| Th 6 | Banbury Arts Society, Design for Textiles, Marlborough Rd Church Hall, 7.30pm. |
| Th 6 | Deddington Gardeners : Hampton Court Palace Flower Show. |
| Fr 7 | Drop - In for Carers, Deddington Health Centre, 2-4pm. |
| Tu 11 | WI: Mrs J Rendle,"Forty Years a Parson's Wife", Holly Tree, 7.30pm. |
| Sat 15 | Manor Farm Plant Stall, Market Place. |
| Sat 15 - Sun 16 | Exhibition of Hempton photos, St John's Church. (p 14) |
| Sun 16 | Stonewall's Garden open, Hempton. (p 14) |
| Wed 19 | U3A: Pat Brittain, Holiday Slides, Windmill Centre, 2.30pm. |
| Wed 19 | Parish Council Meeting, Town Hall, 7.30pm. |
| Sat 29 | Manor Farm Plant Stall, Market Place. |
| Sat 29 | British Legion, Eddie Kelly. |

**AUGUST DIARY**

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| Wed 2 | U3A: Visit to Hidcote Manor Garden.(p 9) |
| Mon 14 - Fr 18 | Deddington Playscheme. (p 7) |
| Tu 15 | U3A: Thames Cruise. (p 10) |
| Wed 16 | Parish Council Meeting, Town Hall, 7.30pm. |
| Wed 16 | Cherwell in Bloom entry deadline. (p 14) |
| Sun 20 | VJ Day Commemmoration Service, Market Square, 7.30pm.(p 6) |
| Sat 26 | British Legion: Made To Measure. |
| Tu 29 | **COPY DATE FOR SEPTEMBER DEDDINGTON NEWS.** |

**SEPTEMBER DIARY**

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|---|---|
| Sat 2 | Manor Farm Plant Stall, Market Place. |
| Th 7 | Banbury Arts Society, Traditional Portraiture , Marlborough Rd Church Hall, 7.30pm. |
| Tu 12 | WI: Mr E Bingham on British Deer, Holly Tree, 7.30pm. |

**NO DEDDINGTON NEWS IN AUGUST.**

# DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

**NOTES on Annual Parish Meeting held on 24 May at Holly Tree Club.**

**RESIGNATION:** Chairman Terry Clinch paid tribute to Cllr Bowen who is resigning from Pc to move to Spain. He said Ken had been a valued member of the PC.

**RECREATION & GRANTS:** 1. £200 to be granted to Deddington Playscheme, which is being held at Windmill Centre this year. 2. Letter from Tennis Club asking for £300 for professional coaching for three promising young players. PC to write to Club expressing possible interest in helping, but suggesting Club also contributes. 3. Sub-committee to consider application from PCC for loan for heating Church. 4. Grant application form to be sent to Youth Club, who want to employ professional leader.

**ENVIRONMENT:** 1. Shading to be applied to street lamp at The Stile to reduce glare. 2. Cllrs discussed complaint from villager about cost of proposed wheely bins. Cllrs in favour of CDC's proposals, which are still at trial stage. 3. PC approved estimate to modify bus shelters to remove wind tunnel effect. 4. New street lighting scheme for village centre to be entered for CC and Oxford Times community award scheme. 5. Two quotes still awaited for remedial work at Clifton playground. 6. Cllrs Mrs Brewer and Mrs Stevens have investigated complaints raised at Annual Parish Meeting about footpaths and have sent list of faults to CC. 7. PC to obtain quotes for installation of water supply at cemetery; reply from water board still awaited. 8. CC has refused PC's application for bleeper on crossing at Horsefair/Hempton Road/Banbury Road traffic lights because of "turning traffic". Cllrs disagreed with reason and will investigate further. 9. Local shopkeepers to be asked for their views on "village centre" signs, which would cost £120. 10. CC has refused "no horse riding" signs on Clifton Road footpath because road is too dangerous for riders to use.

**PLANNING & PROPERTY:** 1. CDC has approved change of use from garage to dentist in High Street on condition verge and footpath be reinstated. PC to write to CDC strongly opposing condition. 2. PC have no objection to plans for: single house on land west of St John's Way in Hempton, garage and felling of three trees at Manor Farm (but request replacement trees) and extra window for new bathroom at Green Courts (conditional on frosted glass and restricted opening). 3. CDC to be asked for more information about plans for garage and extension at Tithe Cottage, Clifton. 4. Objection to plan for four large houses at Batchelors Row, Hempton, which has attracted a number of letters from residents. Cllrs concerned about scale of development, vehicle access, water supplies and drainage and will write to CDC requesting site meeting. 5. CDC has approved garage at rear of butcher's in Hudson Street and two dwellings for agricultural workers at Leadenporch Farm, a decision which Cllrs agreed unanimously to query with CDC.

**WINDMILL CENTRE:** The committee has held its AGM and posted minutes with the clerk. Repairs to the surface of the all-weather court are complete.

**ATTENDANCE:** The Clerk submitted cllrs' attendance records for the year, which showed an average overall attendance of 87.5%. Dist Cllr O'Sullivan and County Cllr Matthews also attended regularly.

**ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN:** Cllr Geoff Todd was elected chairman for the coming year. The vote for vice-chairman was close with six votes each for Cllrs Terry Clinch and Jim Flux. Cllr Clinch, chairman for the past two years, was elected on the casting vote of the new chairman.

**PC FUNDS:** £450,000 (Bradford & Bingley, new investment, @ 7.5% variable for two years); £150,000 (Treasury Deposit @ 6 3/16% fixed until 5 June 95); £10,579 (Barclays Bank @ 4%); £30,558 (Barclays overnight @ 8.875%).

**STUDENTS' GRANTS:** PC agreed to continue with the scheme for students' grants.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** 1. The faculty has been granted for a display case for the Coat of Arms on north wall of church. Work to be completed within six months and PC to pay £41 a year for insurance.
2. Complaints from two residents in Mill Close about older children using the tots' play area. PC to erect sign saying area is for accompanied children of six and under. 3. Deddington to enter Best Kept Village competition which will be judged in July. PC will spend £75 on plants. 4. Deddington News to be asked to publicise Cherwell in Bloom competition. 5. Two Cllrs to attend consortium on future of Upper Heyford air base. 6. Complaint from Grove Court Residents' Association that their refuse is not being collected because of obstruction from parked cars. PC will paint no parking signs, write to owners of offending cars and apply to CC for formal parking restrictions. 7. Problems over repairs to church clock now resolved and clock is working well. 8. Letter about quantity and speed of traffic on A4260. Writer's suggestion of carrying out survey to determine reason for non-local HGV use to be passed to OCC.
9. Letter objecting to proposals for public toilets in village centre. 10. Cllrs agreed with letter criticising confusing signposts and will pass it to OCC and DoT. 11. The village skip will be in Cosy Lane every Friday throughout July and August.

**NEXT MEETING** will be on Wednesday, 14 June at 7.30pm in the Town Hall.

## DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL continued

**NOTES on meeting held on 14 June at the Town Hall. Attended by Cllrs Todd (chairman), Clinch, Mrs Swash, Mrs Brewer, Mrs Fisher, Miss Hill, Clarke, Drake, Mrs Lee, Colley, Flux and Oddy. Apologies from Cllr Mrs Stevens.**

**VACANCY FOR COUNCILLOR:** Following the resignation of Cllr Ken Bowen, the PC will advertise the vacancy on 29 June. If there is more than one nomination an election will be held on Thurs 3 August.

**RECREATION & GRANTS:** 1. PCC applied to PC for loan to replace archaic heating system in church, the only place in the Parish with good acoustics and enough seats for 400 people. New system to cost £23,000 and Church has £8,000 towards it. After lengthy debate PC agreed to loan of up to £15,000 over 10 years at 5%, with biennial reviews. 2. Tenders ranging from £675 to £1,700 have been received for levelling Clifton play area. Clerk to write to Alistair Welford, who has offered to do the work free of charge. 3. Deddington and North Aston Football Clubs have both applied to use the old pitch at Castle Grounds for their junior teams. PC discussed feasibility of both clubs sharing the pitch but agreed to give priority to Deddington FC. Rent will be waived in return for winter maintenance of ground by Club. 4. Formal request from Tennis Club for £300 grant to pay for extra coaching of young players; if approved, club would contribute further £300. Cllrs sympathetic but wary of setting precedent and voted 5-3 (with two abstentions) against making a grant.

**ENVIRONMENT:** 1. CDC has approved grant application to upgrade village centre lighting, with contribution of £9,442 from PC. Plans are available to view in Clerk's office at Windmill Centre. Installation of additional lighting at The Stile and The Tchure still awaited. 2. Deddington is on OCC's list for traffic calming but PC would not be allowed to buy its own speed camera. 3. PC to look into possibility of obtaining sponsorship for Coat of Arms signs at entrances to Parish. 4. An advertisement will be placed in Deddington News for ideas for millennium projects, for which PC is applying for National Lottery funding. 5. OCC planning £34,500 improvements to High Street, requiring £6,000 contribution from PC. Cllrs to meet OCC to find out more. 6. Clerk to look into cost of seat to be placed half way along Hempton Road; there are no litter bins at Hempton and Cllr Mrs Brewer to look into placing one beside the bus shelter. 7. Local shopkeepers want to retain Market Place signs rather than change to Village Centre.

PLANNING & PROPERTY: 1. Amended plans for conversion at Grove Lodge still failed to address problems of ground levels and door opening onto road. 2. Cllrs still concerned over parking problems at ↦


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## DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL continued

the Wesleyan Hall despite revised plans on a more modest scale. 3. No objection to amended plans for Manor Barns, on condition certain windows are of obscured glass and fixed. 4. No objection to felling of lime tree at Holly Tree Cottage. 5. Strong refusal for application by Kings Arms to fix large illuminated signs on walls at Holly Tree Club. 6. CDC conservation officer to look into new porches on houses in Philcote Street. 7. Open spaces at Windmill to be mowed and treated with weed killer. Cllr Miss Hill to look into developing site as community project. 8. Plans for four houses at Batchelors Row, Hempton have been recommended for refusal by CDC planners.

**WINDMILL CENTRE:** 1. Major works now being finalised and final costs were £312,000. 2. There was concern over late payment by some regular users and in future conditions of payment will be printed on invoices. 3. Following Parish Appraisal there was a suggestion for a bottle bank at the Windmill Centre. Residents have petitioned against it and an alternative site will be sought.

**UPPER HEYFORD AIRFIELD:** Plans for the site will be linked with Oxfordshire County Structure Plan. DPC to remain in touch with other surrounding parishes.

**PC FUNDS:** £450,000 (Bradford & Bingley @ 7.3%); £140,000 (Treasury Deposit @ 5 15/16%), £10,579 (Barclays Bank 14 days notice); £5,426 (Barclays Bank overnight).

**CORRESPONDENCE:** 1. Letter from Craft Group offering "ancient crafts" collage to Town Hall. PC suggest Holly Tree Club would be better. 2. All ministers are prepared to carry out burials of bodies in shrouds, but not to have them in the churches. PC to impose condition of single graves only for such burials in cemetery. 3. Letter from Area Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator asking for volunteer co-ordinator for Deddington on retirement from scheme of John Neild. PC to thank Mr Neild on behalf of Parish and letter to be published in DN.

**WINDMILL OPEN DAY:** The chairman, Cllr Geoff Todd, thanked Cllr Jim Flux for the Open Day at the Centre on 29 May. He said it was a super day.

**NEXT MEETING** will be on Wednesday, 19 July at 7.30pm in the Town Hall.

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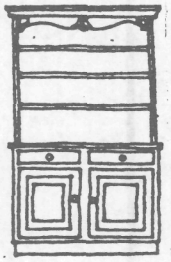

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July Services (*Parish Church*).

Sun 2 10.30am Service of Ordination of the Rev Dr Edmund Newell to the Priesthood and Sung Eucharist.
Wed 5 10am Holy Communion. 11.30am Holy Communion in Featherton House.
Thu 6 2pm Squeals and Wheels Pram and Toddlers' Service.
Sun 9 10.30am Family Communion.
Wed 12 10am Holy Communion.
Thu 13 2.45pm Holy Communion at St Anne's Home, Clifton.
Sun 16 8am Holy Communion (BCP). 10.30am Sung Mattins (BCP).
Wed 19 10am Holy Communion.
Thu 20 10am Deddington Primary School Leavers' Service.
Sat 22 Marriage of Paul Rafferty and Jacqueline Abel.
Sun 23 10.30am Sung Eucharist (Preacher: Rev Alan Catterall, Pastor of the Congregational Church).
Wed 2 10am Holy Communion followed by Service for Healing.
Fri 28 Midday prayers and meditation.
Sat 29 Marriage of Charles Dodd and Sharon Booker. (2pm)
Sun 30 10am Sung Eucharist.

August Services.

Wed 2 10am Holy Communion.
Thu 3 2pm Squeals and Wheels Pram and Toddlers' Service.
Sat 5 2.30pm Marriage of Timothy Gibbs and Sharon Almond.
Sun 6 10.30am Sung Eucharist.
Wed 9 10am Holy Communion.
Sun 13 10.30am Sung Eucharist. Wed 16 10am Holy Communion.
Sun 20 8am Holy Communion (BCP). 10.30am Sung Mattins (BCP).
7.30pm VJ Day Commemoration Service in Market Place.
Wed 23 10am Holy Communion.
Fri 25 Midday Prayers and Meditation.
Sun 27 10.30am Sung Eucharist.
Wed 30 10am Holy Communion.

Sun 3 September - 10.30am Sung Eucharist (Not Family Communion).

July Services (*St John, Hempton*).

Sun 2 No Service (Please come to the Ordination Service at 10.30am in Parish Church).
Sun 16 9am Eucharist.
Sun 23 6pm Evensong (BCP).

August Services. Sun 6 & 20 9am Eucharist. Sun 27 6pm Evensong (BCP).

Ordination of the Rev Dr Edmund Newell. Edmund came to the parishes of Deddington and The Barfords as Curate in July last year, having been ordained a deacon by the Bishop of Oxford in Christ Church Cathedral on 3 July. During the year many of you will have met him in his parish duties and also playing badminton with the Deddington Club. He will be ordained Priest on 2 July by the Rt Rev Anthony Russell, our Area Bishop of Dorchester, in the Parish Church at 10.30am. On the same day he will celebrate his first Holy Communion Service in Barford St Michael Church at 6pm. You are welcome to attend these services. Please pray for Edmund and his wife Susan at this special time for them.

Children's Church (under 8 yrs) and Church Junior Club (8-12 years) will meet in church on 2 & 9 July for the Ordination Service and Family Communion respectively. After the service on 9 July there will be a picnic in the Vicarage garden (bring picnic, ices and drinks will be provided). On 16 July they will meet in Deddington Primary School at 10.15am. There will be no further meetings until Sunday 10 September when they will meet in church for the Family Pets' Service.

Deddington Church Prayer Group will meet on Thursdays, 9 July and 3 August at 7.45pm in Corner Cottage (Mrs. H. Hall), Chapel Square, Deddington.

Parish Bible Study Group will meet on Mondays, 10 July and 14 August at 2pm in 15 Grove Court, Deddington (Mrs P. Ridd).

Pets' Service. Please note that the Pets' Service this year will be in the Parish Church on Sunday 10 September at 10.30am. You are welcome to bring your pet(s) to church for a blessing. Parochial Church Council Officers recently elected were Vice-Chairman: James Marmion, Hon. Treasurer: Mrs Jean Flux, Hon. Secretary: Mrs Angela Sones and Stewardship Chairman: Jim Flux.

Confirmation. There will be a Confirmation Service in the Parish Church on Sunday 20 October. Meetings for adults and young people, interested in being Confirmed, have just started. It is not too late to join. Let one of the clergy know as soon as possible.

New Heating System in the Parish Church will cost over £25,000 to install. We are grateful to the Parish Council for making a loan available so that we can start before next winter. Adequate heating is important for concerts and plays as well as services. Please help us to pay for the new system. A special appeal will be launched in September. Notelets, bookmarks etc. for sale made by Mrs Pauline Ridd. She has raised £35 for the Church and would like to make more! Contact her on 337144 if you would like to order some.

**FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS:**
BAPTISMS: in Deddington, 28 May, PETER DANIEL OXLEY.
4 June, CATHERINE ELIZABETH GWENDOLINE JONES.
LAURA MAY WALLINGTON.
FUNERALS:
19 May, in Deddington Church and Oakley Wood Crematorium: EDITH JANE ALLEN aged 99 years.
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**INTER-CHURCH ACTIVITIES.**
Monday 7 August - Ecumenical Prayer Group - will meet at 7.45pm in the Wesleyan Reform Church
Fridays 28 July & 25 August - Mid-day prayers and meditation - 12 noon in the Parish Church
***Service to Commemorate the 50th Anniversary of VJ Day*** will be held in the open-air in the Market Place on Sunday 20 August at 7.30pm. Christians of all denominations will be taking part and we hope you will attend. The speaker at the service will be Hugh Spottiswoode from Deddington, who served in the Far East during the Second World War. We hope, subject to permission, that we shall be switching on the lights to illuminate the Church tower. The Parish Council are providing this to commemorate VE and VJ days and the founding of the United Nations.

**TRIBUTES.**
EDITH JANE ALLEN, aged 99 years. Edith was born in Leicester, worked in the Land Army in the first World War then, in 1925, she married Donovan Allen, a lieutenant in the Wiltshire Regiment. They had two sons. After his death in 1960, Edith moved first to the New Forest then, at the age of 94 and with failing eyesight, she moved to Featherton House. She joined the Holly Tree Club and enjoyed her glass of sherry at the Red Lion! A church member, she joined the Mothers' Union and was a faithful communicant at the Featherton House Services.
KEN REEVES.
GERTRUDE ANNIE TUSTIAN, aged 98 years. Gertie was born in Deddington into a farming family and, after school, she worked on Home Farm. She married Dennis in 1926 and they moved to Grove Ash Farm in Great Tew. They had one daughter, Joy. After Dennis' death she and Joy moved back to Deddington living in "Rest Haven", Hopcroft Lane. She loved dogs and enjoyed knitting, crochet and word puzzles.
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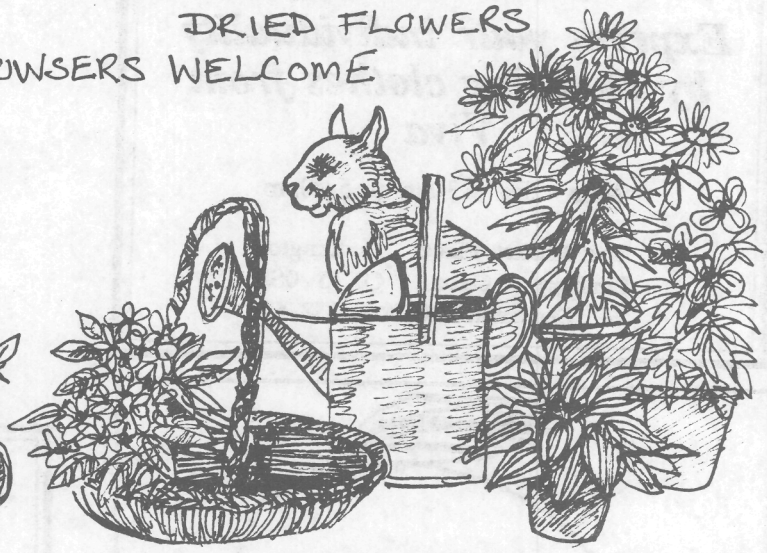

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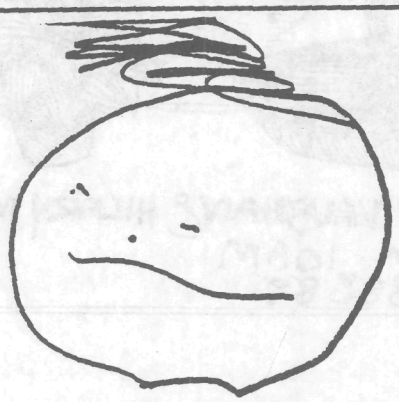

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My last piece for the Deddington News!
Many thanks to everyone who supported the School Fete last Saturday. The rain would certainly have put some people off but I was amazed to see so many people there. Many thanks for staying for as long as you did - it was much appreciated!
The contract for the new classroom will be offered to J P Charles of Middleton Cheney, the same contractors who worked on the Infant classes. The work will commence in the summer holiday and should be completed by the new year.
My successor has been appointed. He is Mr Peter Goringe, the current Deputy Head-teacher of Bishop Loveday School, Bodicote. During the next few weeks we will be meeting so that I can hand over the reins., I am sure he will have much to offer the school and community and that, in his hands, the school will continue to flourish. Good luck Peter !!

**JOHN MOFFITT**

## . . . and from Deddington PTA

Many thanks to everyone who turned out on a drizzly Saturday to support us at the **School Fete on 17 June.** A donation of half the raffle proceeds of £277 will be given to the Adam Phillips Dialysis Appeal. A big thank you to Mum, Dad and Adam for coming along to draw the first ticket.
John Moffitt will remember his final Deddington School Fete as the wettest ever and I'm not just referring to the inclement weather. We started off by giving him a "make over". Face painted Mr Moffitt, or Mrs Moffitt as he became known, then joined the Adderbury Morris Dancers for an impromptu turn. They did marvellously, with happily no injuries sustained from the "bashing of batons."
Mr. Moffitt then went on to the "rope walk" erected by the Scouts and progressed to the Banbury Army Cadets' Assault Course, in both cases to be attacked by sodden sponges. He was then to be at the mercy of the Deddington Fire Brigade, who earlier had put out a flaming car and rescued its (dummy) passenger, but they were called away and left the field sirens blaring.
Mr. Moffitt's final fate was jointly orchestrated by the Scouts, who had erected a pully at the top of a nearby tree, and the Fire Brigade who returned in time to secure him efficiently to a ladder high up in the boughs. "Stand clear!" came the cry - and with that the hose was turned on.
Always a good sport, particularly on Fete day, Mr. Moffitt's attractions this year more than compensated for the cancelled arena events. We would like to thank him for his active participation in PTA events and wish him good luck and every success in his new school.

**MANDY HARPER, Chairman (337489)**

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**DEDDINGTON PLAYSCHEME** - This annual event for the 5-10-year-olds will be held at the Windmill Centre, 14-18 August, at the cost of £1.50 per day or £6 for the week. Forms can only be obtained from the school. We still need volunteers - no experience necessary.

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# CALLING ALL CLUBS

## DEDDINGTON BEECHES BOWLS CLUB

The opening of the Green, 28/29 March, went extremely well, particularly the game on 29 May, when we entertained a joint Oxon Bowling Ass./ Oxon Women's Bowling Ass. side. After the match a formal three course meal was arranged at the Windmill Centre and all present really enjoyed themselves. The Club is extremely grateful to Lois Humphries, Donna Humphries, Brenda Munson, Jan Boyt, Jan Carey and Mark Humphries for their hard work in preparing and presenting this meal.

Match Results:

Won: v Witney, v Fire Service, v Burma Star

Lost: v Banbury Central, v Representative Side, v Oxon Men and Ladies, v Hook Norton.

JOHN HUMPHREYS, SECRETARY 338130

## DEDDINGTON CRICKET CLUB

Although the season should by now be in full swing, we seem to have barely started. A sequence of games hit by the weather, late cancellations or re-arrangements has meant a very fitful start to the campaign. but there has been a good deal of success to date, the Saturday XI are as yet unbeaten in the League and the Sunday XI have posted some large scores amongst some good wins. Andy Stiff is leading the way with the bat culminating with a century at Chesterton last week.

All our teams are particularly well turned out this year thanks to the provision of shirts by our two sponsors, Centrepoint and Weatherhead Electrical. Our thanks to both these companies and also to the other local businesses who helped so much with our stall at the Windmill Open Day.

PETER BLACKBURN 338117

## DEDDINGTON GARDENERS

Those of us who went to the Savill Gardens had a lovely day. It is fun to see magnificent Rhododendrons and Azaleas even if we can't grow them.

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ELIZABETH TOTHILL 338186

## NETBALL

Under 14s

Congratulations to the U 14s who came second in the winter league and won the end of the season tournament, beating the league winners Spectrum A by 14 goals to 7. A special Well Done to Lara Chatterton for taking a trophy for "Player of the Year". The summer season has just started with Deddington winning their first game against Spectrum B 15-6.

Ladies

Deddington ladies have formed a team to compete in the Banbury and District Summer Netball League. They would like to express a big Thank You to Solar Designs who sponsored them with their kit, a very smart Blackwatch tartan. After the play-off in the preliminary rounds we were surprised to be grouped in the first division. It will be a very hard season, but a good challenge to all.

Reminder: Thursday is practice night at the Windmill; all ages are welcome.

B.LOWE 337108, M.COLLEY 338016

## DEDDINGTON GUIDES

We began the term by putting on a small programme of entertainment, our own version of "Blue Peter" complete with a puppet show and dancing.Thanks to those attending we managed to raise £20 towards a project to open an adolescent ward at the JR2. We also had a cook-out in fine weather and a lovely evening hike taking in Adderbury and Bodicote. Our plans for the rest of the summer include a river crossing, games at Horley, another cook-out, various activities working for badges and preparing for camp. We are also looking forward to an evening meeting planned completely by Frances and Charlotte.

Four prospective guides have joined us and any girls of 10 or over are invited to come and meet us. They'd be most welcome. For further information please ring us.

MAGGIE RAMPLEY, GUIDER 01295 810069,
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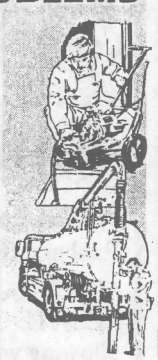

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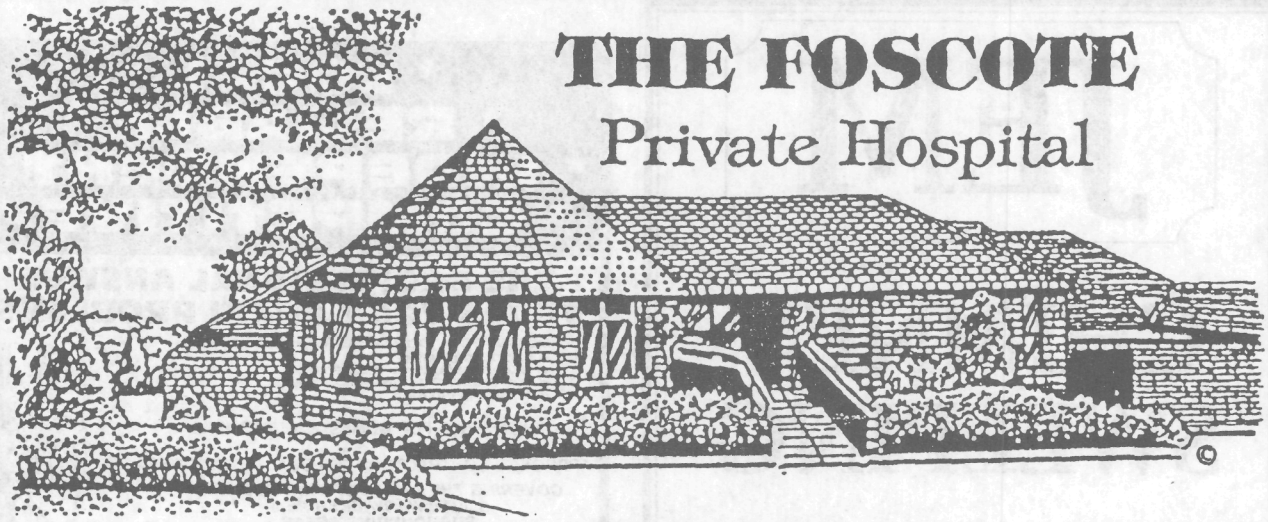

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## CALLING ALL CLUBS continued

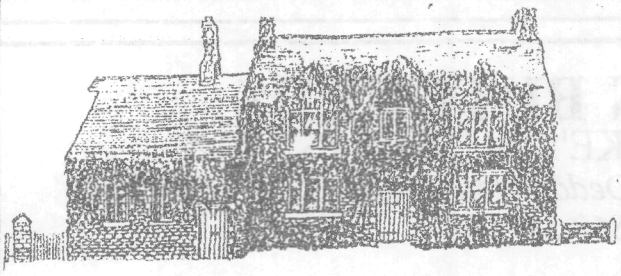
### DEDDINGTON & DISTRICT YOUTH CLUB

At a recent meeting at the Windmill twelve parents attended. The main agenda items were the future of the Club and the need for a new committee.
The current committee, with the exception of the Chairman, Les Lane, will resign at the end of this session. Three years is a reasonable time to be committed to the Club. With changes in the working environment of several of the original leaders and a real need for new blood, it is time to find and appoint a new committee.
There is a good core of about 25 parents who each attend about one in four sessions on a rota basis. But what is mainly needed is a Secretary and a Treasurer together with as many willing supporters as possible.
There was absolutely no doubt in the minds of the parents at the meeting that there was an essential need for a youth club in the village and a committee would be formed from those present to carry on the good work. It was also thought that perhaps a full time Youth Leader might provide some new ideas and might be better equipped to relate to the older members who are still conspicuous by their absence.
The retiring committee would like to thank everyone involved and the parents for their support and encouragement. We would also like to wish every success to the new committee.

TONY LOWE 337108

### UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

Regretfully, Mrs. Rosemary Higham was unable to come to the meeting on 24 May, but her place was ably taken by Mrs. Ivy Gallaher and Mrs. Nellie Poole, members of the U3A. They entertained us with a synopsis of the book they have written together with their two sisters, entitled "Stone, Paper and Scissors".
Mr. John Knowland of the Cherwell District Council gave a talk on recycling, which we hope will inspire members to give that matter some thought.
The U3A had a Hotch Potch stall on the official opening of the Windmill Centre and we made £150, which will be donated to the Adam Phillips Dialysis Appeal Fund. The winning raffle prize tickets were: 299, 345, 289, 205 and 383. Incidentally, little Adam visited the stall with his father and won the second prize.
2 August A trip to Hidcote Gardens (NT), near Chipping Camden. It is one of the ↦

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In the meantime we are always delighted to welcome new members to our meetings. They are held at 2.30pm at the Windmill Centre. You will find dates in the DN Diary section.

PAT BRITTAIN 338685

### DEDDINGTON WI

The June meeting was taken by Shirley Gibbs, the Vice-president, who gave us her report of the AGM at Blackpool. The main Resolutions were carried . They were 1) a Constitutional Amendment, 2) Food Labelling with special regard to products containing nut-oil, 3) The issuing of Identity Cards, after an amendment. Shirley had very much enjoyed the AGM and urged members to volunteer to go if the chance arose.
The meeting continued with a Treasure Hunt, very cleverly organised by Thelma Dover. It was done in Crossword clue fashion, which included Anagrams and the treasure , a bottle of Lambrusco, was finally identified by Angela Sones. Thank you, Thelma, for making us all think a little harder than usual about our village and its surroundings. After that we had Cheese and Wine, which were much enjoyed. The cheeses which came from the Deddington Butchers were particularly good. A very good evening.
Next meeting will be on 11 July, 7.30pm, HTC. In future notices will be posted in the Library, the Church porch and on the Town Hall notice board.
Please note that we shall need to collect the £5 coach fare for the Buckingham Palace trip at the July meeting.

RENE MAHONY, PRESIDENT 338438

**DEDDINGTON ARTS EXHIBITION : May 21 - June 4**
A review of this fine sample of Deddington talent will appear in the September issue of DN. In the meantime, the organisers report that a collection of £67.27p was raised for Katharine Hospice.


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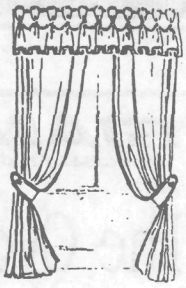

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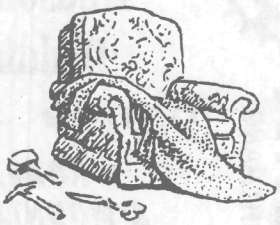

# FROM THE EDITOR'S POSTBAG

**FROM ELIZABETH TOTHILL, HIGH STREET, DEDDINGTON**

My mother, Gwen Viney, was very touched by all the cards, visits and telephone enquiries she received during her short illness in the Horton General Hospital. She wished me to thank you all for your kindness to a very new resident. I add my thanks to hers.

**FROM MRS DOROTHY LINES, HOLLY TREE COTTAGES**

I am writing to thank all my friends for the lovely presents, flowers and cards they sent for my 80th birthday, and for making that day so very special. And a very special Thank You to my daughters Shirley, Marguerite and Janet for making it such a wonderful day. I shall never forget.

**FROM FIVE CHILDREN LOOKED AFTER BY MRS SUE LANE, REGISTERED CHILDMINDER, HEMPTON**

Once upon a Park - yes, folks, this is our final rhyme,
you see, our problem has been solved - it's definite this time,
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Well, we're thrilled to let you know that our needs have now been met,
not one but four new bucket swings in soft tarmac are set,
and to add some fun, a wobbly bridge, four slides and a yellow tractor,
so it's thanks to Deddington P.C. - we're enjoying the feel-good factor.

Now although we love to laugh and often squeal with all our might,
we thank the neighbours in Mill Close for agreeing to this site.
But our child-minder Sue reminds us when we shriek a bit too loud,
that our Park would not be here but for this generous crowd.

Now, finally, to a few children we shall make a heartfelt plea,
don't etch your swearwords on our Park - please leave this one graffiti-free.
We love walking up to Deddington along our path from St John's Way
and we'll have years of fun on our new swings - a safe haven for us to play.

**FROM JANE TAYLOR, AREA WATCH COORDINATOR, BANBURY POLICE STATION**

Mr John Neild, who has been an excellent Neighbourhood Watch coordinator for this village, is standing down, and I should like to find one or two key people who could take over.

There are areas of the village without a street coordinator and this is one problem I should like to solve as soon as possible. Once we have a new village coordinator it might be a good idea, through the Parish Council, to relaunch Neighbourhood Watch in Deddington. Anyone interested in further information can contact me at Banbury Police Station or by telephone (mornings only) at 01865-266654.

**FROM DATE KEATS (PC 926), HEMPTON ROAD, DEDDINGTON**

On behalf of very many people (and as the son of a former Desert Rat) I should like to congratulate the committee which organised the VE Day commemoration display. Having been born at the outbreak of the war, I found this very interesting. My generation can vividly remember the post war years, with their shortages of food and clothing, and general austerity. I thought the mock-up of the wrecked Messerschmitt very well done and not at all in bad taste. I am sure that our German counterparts today would not have been offended.

We must all remember what the last war was fought about, and that without victory there would have been no survival. Captured German papers from that period leave no doubt that a Nazi occupation of Britain would not have been a gentle affair. To conclude, although I was quite young at the end of the war, the happiness and joy among all the adults of that time was apparent to me.

**FROM JOANNA COX, 47 MILL CLOSE, DEDDINGTON**

If there is sufficient response I am considering offering Cecchetti ballet classes for boys and girls over 4 years old in September. I trained for three years in the West Street Ballet School in Covent Garden and have sung and danced professionally for a number of years. If there are sufficient numbers I will be able to offer classes. If you are interested please contact me on 337486.

## DOWN ON THE FARM

What happened to 'blazing June'? Hay making is just about to start and if the weather does not improve it will be freeze dried instead of sun dried! Grass keep for the sheep is still short but is slowly improving. Winter feed could be in short supply this year as the first cuts of silage have only produced about half the normal amount and the hay crops do not look much better. But it is not all gloom and doom. The below-average temperatures and cold nights have kept the insect pests at bay and reduced the need to spray the crops with fungicide. With the cereal crops in ear, the beans setting and the oil seed rape pods filling out, insect pests can cause a lot of damage not only in the field but also after harvest when the grain is in store and will have to be controlled. All grain handling equipment and storage buildings must be cleaned and fumigated before the start of harvest. So I shall have to dig out the vacuum cleaner and find the knapsack sprayer, not forgetting the spray suit and face mask! The combine is in bits at the moment, being serviced ready for harvest and, oh dear, I hope I can remember which bit goes where!

The cold weather has made bee-keeping rather a painful pastime of late but this should improve if the weather warms up. The workshop Robin is now on with her third brood and is as tame as ever. She is a very cultured bird as she likes to sing along with classic FM on the radio. More Swallows have arrived, as have many other summer visitors; Sedge, Grasshopper and Reed warblers along with White-throats and Black Caps can be seen or heard along the river. Two pairs of King-fishers have nested this year and a pair of Swans have brought off 3 cygnets - I hope that the Mink will leave them alone. **GEORGE FENEMORE** (338203)

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**FROM THE WINDMILL CENTRE** - The official Opening of the Centre was a great success with, it is estimated, over 500 people turning out in the somewhat inclement weather. Thanks to everybody who helped and supported the event; maybe we will make it an annual one. The committee have decided not to increase our hiring charges for this fiscal year, but we do appeal to clubs and individuals to pay their accounts on time to help us keep costs down. The committee continue with their programme of upgrading the facilities - the toilets now have tiled floors which are a great improvement. **JIM FLUX**


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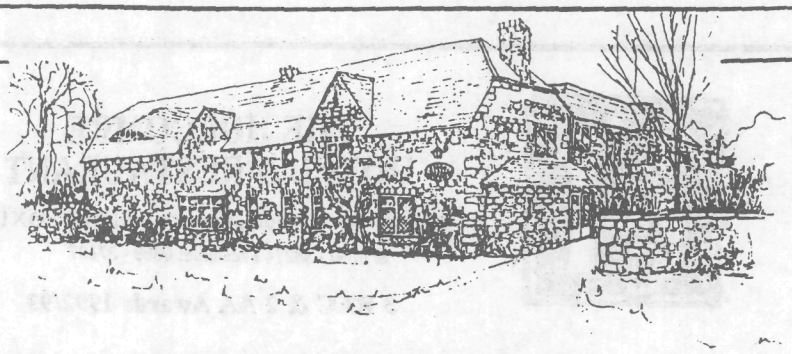

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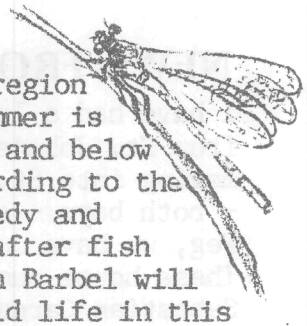

The River Cherwell is probably the most valuable habitat in this region along with the few remaining water meadows it supports. High Summer is a good time to investigate it as there is a lot of activity above and below the water. Rivers can be classified into different habitats according to the speed of the water. The Cherwell in this area is still quite speedy and could be classified as the Barbel zone (the five zones are named after fish typically found in that habitat but this does not necessarily mean Barbel will be found there.) I am not an angler and prefer to discuss the wild life in this habitat that does not need to be caught in order to be observed.

Some of the most interesting and easily observed are insects from the order Odenata, namely Dragon- and Damselflies. Dragonflies are familiar to most people with their fast whirring flight and often vivid colours, yellow, red and metallic blue/green; they cannot rest with their wings folded, they are always horizontal. Damselflies are delicate in comparison, with long slender bodies and flimsy wings which can be folded backwards when resting. Unlike Dragonflies, they cannot hover in flight. Both are skilled hunters, hunting by sight using their incredibly complex compound eyes. They patrol their territory waiting for an insect to fly past. The prey is captured in flight with the legs, held together to form a scoop net. If you are near water you will almost certainly see Damselflies mating. The male grasps the female on her thorax with a pair of claspers located at the end of his abdomen. The pair may remain in this position for some time, often until the female lays the eggs. To do this she will dip her abdomen below the water surface and deposit her eggs in the tissue of water plants.

How about some big game hunting ... well, two-inch long furry caterpillars. If you sit patiently by a small ditch where common reeds and marsh grasses grow, at sunset you may hear the caterpillars of the Drinker moth munching the grasses so noisily that they are easily located. They will now be very mature so if you want to try this you must go in the first few days of July. **JONATHAN HOOK** (338357)

FROM: ALLAN GIBBS, "Eboracum", 41 St John's Way, Hempton -

**- A CHRISTMAS (CAROL) MESSAGE !!!**

As some of you already know Gloria and I will be moving away from Deddington shortly so someone will be needed to lead the carol singing in the Market Place on Christmas Eve. The only talents required are the ability to count to three and knowledge of the carols. Why not have a go at leading - it's great fun!

I shall be leaving the carol sheets and bells with David Blakey, our Parish Clerk, at the Windmill Centre for collection.

Thanks to all of you who have made this event so memorable for me the past 2 years

(And OUR thanks to Allan Gibbs - Christmas in Deddington is inconceivable without carol singing in the Market Place. **Volunteers please!** - EDS.)

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## NEWS FROM HEMPTON

I have had a lot of help this month from Sue Lane, who provided statistics from St. John's Way. She writes,"It's been lovely to see so many new families moving into St. John's Way in the last few months and we've welcomed two new babies - both boys - and another baby is due in August. So forget Mystic Meg and Septic Peg, we have our own trusted combination of lottery numbers to bring success! These house numbers have definitely provided a winning formula: 29 - New arrival Sebastian Garner, born 7 May; 43 - New family moving in July/August; 53 - New arrival Alexander Noons, born 29 October; 59 - New arrival. Tanya and Alan expect their baby in August; 61 - New family, Billie and Gary, daughter Ria, 10, and son Anton, 8; 65 - New family, Ben and Tracy and daughter Carlie, 11."

Also Les Chapell reminds me that Stonewalls Gardens will be open to the public on 16 July from 2 - 6pm. Friends of Hempton Church will provide refreshments at this event. This same weekend, Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 July, St. John's Church will be open for an exhibition of photographs of Hempton village through the years. The church will be open from 10 am on Saturday and 2 pm on Sunday. The church now possesses a new organ, donated by Mr. Shafighian. Our grateful thanks go to him. You may already be aware that Kath Morris is organising for the Hempton Christmas Fair on 25 November. Let us hope she gets plenty of support. Please ring her on 338413 if you have any ideas. **NAN HARRIS** (338039)

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**CHERWELL IN BLOOM COMPETITION : If, like some of us, you thought "In Bloom" was only for communities and institutions, read on!**

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Community effort section

4) Best Floral Display by Community group or street. 5) Best Environmental improvement project by a local Parish/Group. 6) Best Nature Conservation project- enhancement of local amenity. 7) Best schools Environmental project. 8) Best Floral Display by large village 9) Best Floral Display by small village.

Commercial Section

10) Best Floral Display in a shop window. 11) Best external Floral Display by small commercial premises or shop. 12) Best Floral Display by large industrial or commercial premises. 13) Best Floral Display by small commercial premises or shop. 14) n/a 15) Best Floral Display by Public House within district (excl. Banbury) 16) Best Floral Display by large Hotel within District (excl. Banbury)

**ENTRY FORMS**(to be completed by 16.8.1995) can be obtained from David Blakey, the Clerk of the Parish Council (338686). We are also entering the **Best Kept Village Competition**, to be judged in early July, so please make a big effort!

## DEDDINGTON FIRE SERVICE

**Fire calls :** Another quiet month call-wise with only 13 calls received: 1 fire involving fibre glass moulds at Smiths Sand Pit, Duns Tew; 4 kitchen fires; 1 waste paper bank on fire; 2 rubbish fires; 1 petrol spillage; 3 false alarms with good intent; 1 malicious false alarm and 1 call to stand by at Banbury. This brings the total to 87 so far this year, 50 less than last year, partly because the Station is still off the run in the daytime due to insufficient personnel.

**Training :** Mark Rogers has now completed both his basic training course and his breathing apparatus course at the Brigade Training School at Didcot. He passed both courses with flying colours and he is now qualified to wear breathing apparatus on incidents. Well done, Mark.

**Recruiting :** We are still praying for volunteers. So far no one has applied. As I have said before, perhaps there are some (male or female) who may be thinking about joining but are not quite sure. If so, then please come and see me or phone me on 338943. Remember we are very much a vital public service which is funded from your Council Tax and at this present time we at Deddington cannot give the service that we would be able to had we more personnel. **ALBERT HUMPHRIES** (338943)

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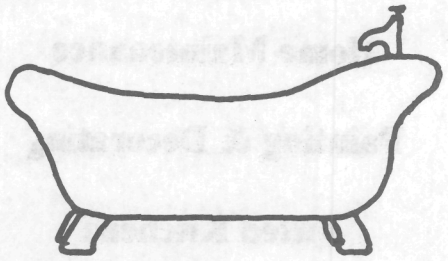

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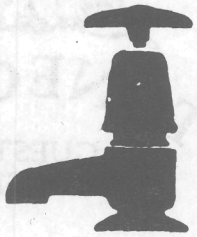

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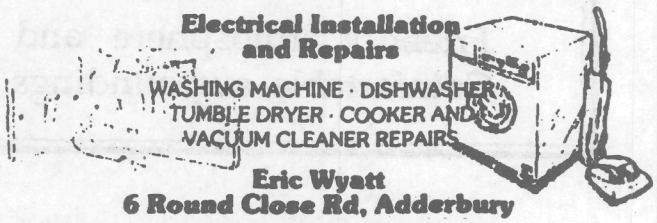

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# THE WAY WE WERE

**Deddington 150 years ago by Buffy Heywood.**

Extracts from the diaries of the Rev. Cotton Risley for 1845:

5th JUNE - A grand tea drinking as usual once in the year at Calcutt's Barn for the Wesleyan Chapel school children.
9th-11th JUNE - Went to London by coach and stayed at Ibbotson's Hotel, and met Betsie on her return from school. Betsie and I went to Lord Elson's to luncheon and afterwards took an airing for an hour and a half with him in his carriage in the Regent's Park. We afterwards went to the play at Drury Lane Theatre.
21st JUNE - We were busy carrying hay all day from the little and great meadows - we began mowing Plank Meadow, a famous crop indeed, carried 16 loads of hay.
28th JUNE - The boys caught two eels in our brook.
8th JULY - a Wool Fair was held at Banbury today for the first time as an experiment - a Dinner took place afterwards at the Red Lion Inn, Mr. Hall of Astrop in the Chair. I sent my clip of wool to be sold thereat by Mr. Stilgoe, 30 todds which were sold for 33/- per tod.
9th JULY - Mr. Davis' servant from Swerford came over here with a man caught taking up night lines, duly baited and placed in Mr. Davis' large trout pond - I convicted him in the sum of 30/-d. inclusive of costs to be paid by the 2nd of August or he will be sent to prison for 3 weeks. A travelling woman calling herself the wife of a deceased Clergyman came to beg - sent her away deeming her story an improbable one - and she a notorious beggar.

## . . . and 50 or so years ago

The last of DAISY SHREWSBURY's 3-part reminiscences of Deddington at war brings the conflict closer to home .....

Deddington had its fair share of evacuees. Some of them found "good country husbands" and put down their own roots in this part of the world. Despite seeming more remote than today Deddington was kept very aware of what was going on just over the horizon, and not just because of the soldiers and evacuees billeted here, and later the prisoners of war put to work on the farms. Daisy joined the Civil Defence to learn how to help out in case of disaster, though fortunately this never came. But "we could hear the German bombers droning overhead sounding much heavier on the way over than on the return after they'd dropped their bombs." And from the Hempton Road you could see the light in the sky marking fires in Birmingham and Coventry. Daisy remembers that a dummy was made of the Alcan factory some distance from the real one and that it actually was bombed. There was also a memory of a German bomber hedge-hopping to avoid detection, and dropping a bomb somewhere towards Kidlington. Her mother-in-law and sister-in-law saw it that Sunday afternoon while taking the children out for a walk.
"Families seemed to go out for walks together much more then," Daisy muses. Just as it was much more usual to go out flower picking. Of course there were more wild flowers and it wasn't discouraged then - especially primrosing and bluebelling or, come February or March, going over to Tackley for fronds of pussy willow.
We asked Daisy about VE Day. They'd gone on an outing to visit an aunt at Tiddington near Stratford on Avon, she told us - and didn't even realise it was VE Day until they got home...

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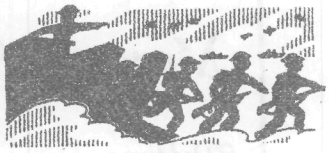
**.....while from far across the world HUGH SPOTTISWOODE returned with very different memories**



As an Indian Army transport officer serving in Burma in "19 Div" (The 19th Indian (Dagger) Divison ... part of the 'Forgotten' 14th Army) my particular memories of 1945 are briefly:
1. Feb '45, "19 Div" (12000 British & Indian soldiers plus mules, guns & lorries) crossed the Irrawaddy river in little outboard motor boats, the Japanese being short of resources to hurl us back. Our soldiers battled with great success but men & mules were to lose their lives.
2. In March on Mandalay Hill, I watched Allied planes bombing Mandalay Fort (1½ miles square). Some bombs fell outside the Fort and tragically killed several British & Indian troops. Our medium gunners shelled the Fort's solid walls over ↦

**THE WAY WE WERE ... (cont'd)**

open sights without success ... walls too solid!

3. 19 March, "19 Div" took Mandalay and the Union Jack was proudly raised in the presence of Mountbatten and General Slim.

4. On VE Day, stupendous news that the war in Europe was over. Our war in Burma, however, continued and I do not recall jollifications, our pressing concern being to win & survive the Japanese war and then go home. 3 years East was enough!

5. On VJ Day I was passing through Calcutta en route from Toungoo (S of Mandalay) to Peshawar in NW India for leave. I was alone when the news broke, so there was no one with me to celebrate and thank God for the bombs that ended World War Two. There was to be a fourth year, however, before my return to UK came about.

My associations with "19 Div" (43-46), with 14th Army (44/45) & 'The Road to Mandalay' are now proud and priceless memories and I am lucky to have them. Nevertheless Burma was only one theatre of WW2 and it is with a profound sense of humility that one remembers ALL theatres and ALL one's contemporaries who paid the supreme sacrifice and did not come back ... heroes all. **HS**

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**THE ADAM PHILLIPS DIALYSIS APPEAL**

**FROM ALEXANDER SODDY:**

I would like to say a very big thank you to everyone who came to Deddington Parish Church to listen to me play the piano on May 21. I was really surprised to see so many people; the final audience was 160. With ticket sales and some donations we were able to give Adam a cheque for £460.

Lots of people helped - so a big thank you, too, to Ian Sloan from Centrepoint for the printing and help with the publicity; to John Parkinson and his men for find and transporting the grand piano and Mr Hopkins for tuning it; to the Post Office staff for selling tickets and promoting the concert; to The Kings Arms, The Blacksmiths Forge, The Unicorn Inn and The Crown and Tuns who supplied the wine for the interval; to Bob Boot of A.R.B.,Banbury for lending us a very expensive sound system; and not least to Rev Ken Reeves for allowing us to use the church, and to James Marmion and all the ladies who helped in the interval. THANK YOU!

FROM BOB AND VANNESSA PHILLIPS - An update...

The Appeal for a portable dialysis machine for Adam was started in February. It has gone well beyond our wildest expectations and has now reached £20,000. One machine has already been purchased and donated to the Great Ormond Street Hospital and is being used for another child. Our deepest thanks to everyone.

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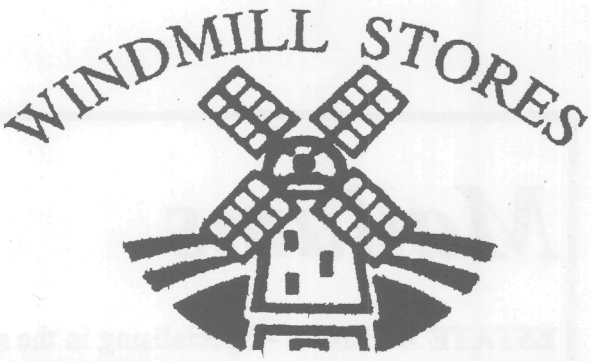


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